

ITEMS OF INTEREST IN AND ABOUT TOWN

Happenings of the Day in Various Parts of the Nation's Capital.

Usually, a violent death is the cause of panic, but only death checked what promised to become a general panic among the women—and quite a few men—in the lobby of a downtown hotel last night.

From the precincts of the hotel sacred to employees, there came a "sickening thud as of a blow struck." Those in the lobby paused in their discussions of all things. The hush grew more oppressive. Shouts came from the interior regions. "Don't let him get away. There he goes into the lobby."

Guests began to look anxious. Several started for the elevator to ascend to supposedly safer realms. Then it happened. A crowd of bellboys and porters rushed into the lobby. Most were armed with clubs, brooms, and similar weapons.

Who were they after?

At first no one but the pursuers knew. Then! Women screamed and climbed upon chairs. Sable stoles and ermine capes were dropped, the owners forgetting them entirely. Men looked uncomfortable, as though they desired to leave, but remained for fear of ridicule.

A bellboy struck a fatal blow, and a large rat ceased to exist.

Movie Operators Plan Ball.

Announcement was made today that the sixth annual ball of the Moving Picture Machine Operators' Protective Union will be held on the night of March 2, at a place yet to be designated. The dance will start at 9 o'clock and will continue until 2 o'clock in the morning.

Lake Clan Organized.

A permanent Washington branch of the Lake Clan of England and America has been formed by lineal descendants of William Lake, of England, who lived in the twelfth century. The officers of the society are: Charles M. Lake, Jr., district clansman; Mrs. Clara Lake Holmes, vice district clansman; Miss Nora Lou Davis, district scribe, and Austin Harveycutler, treasurer.

To Address Baptists.

The conference of the Baptist ministers at Calvary Baptist Church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock will be addressed by the Rev. Dr. E. B. Jackson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Alexandria, Va.

Concert for Blind Tuesday.

An unusually interesting program will be presented for the blind at the Library of Congress Tuesday evening at 8:15 o'clock. A string quartet of the United States Marine Band will furnish the music.

City Needs Books for Soldiers.

The following appeal was issued today by the Woman's Army and Navy League, which is in need of reading matter to send to enlisted men of the army stationed on the border and other isolated posts: "Any one who will kindly contribute books and magazines may leave them at the depot quartermaster's building, corner Seventeenth and F streets northwest, or notify Mrs. W. C. Borden, 2306 Tracy place, telephone North 2644, and the reading matter will be called for."

To Give Dinner Dance.

At the February meeting of the Connecticut Avenue Citizens' Association, to be held in the assembly room of the Army and Navy Preparatory School, Wednesday evening, plans for the second annual dinner dance of the organization, to be given at the Burlington, Saturday evening, will be discussed.

Parent-Teacher Meeting.

The monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association of Clover Elementary School will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock in the assembly hall of the school. Mrs. William B. Hardy, president of the Home and School Council of the District, and S. M. Ely, supervising principal of the fifth division, will speak. Misses Frances Scherger and Lella Volk will sing.

D. A. H. to Hold Reception.

The Captain Molly Pitcher Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will hold a reception in honor of Mrs. G. W. Hanger, on Tuesday afternoon from 4 until 6 o'clock, at the Rochambeau. National and State officers have received invitations, also regents, chapter officers, and chapter members in the District of Columbia.

Delta Chi Alumni Dine.

The annual banquet of the Washington Alumni Chapter of the Delta Chi fraternity of Georgetown University, was held in the Lafayette Hotel last night. Congressmen Bannet, Smith, Neeley, and Haskell were the guests of honor. William A. Sheehan, of the class of 1913, was toastmaster.

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Stanford Alumni to Dine.

Alumni of Leland Stanford University living in Washington will hold a luncheon at the Ebbitt tomorrow at 12:30. "The Marriage Rate at Stanford" will be the subject of a address by Paul Popenoe, '09. All Stanford alumni are invited to attend.

Would Help Stray Pets.

The Washington Animal Rescue League has requested that any one having cats and dogs for which they

have no further use, and persons seeing stray animals, notify the league instead of leaving them to stray, starve, freeze, or perhaps be run over and injured by vehicles. The league can be notified by postal or phoning to Main 5243.

National Museum Lecture.

Percival Chubb, president of the Drama League of America, is to speak on "The American Spirit of Art and the Drama" at the National Museum Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

To Give Flag to School.

The flag committee of William B. Cushing Camp, No. 30, Sons of Vet-

erans, U. S. A., will present an American flag, ten by fourteen feet, to Central High School, Thursday morning in the auditorium of the school. Prof. Emory Wilson, principal, will accept the flag on behalf of the school.

Parent-Teachers to Meet.

A meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association of Brookland will be held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Brookland school. Mrs. Margarita S. Gerry will be the chief speaker of the evening.

To Discuss Relief Plans.

Plans for co-operation with the Red Cross in case of war are to be dis-

cussed at a meeting of the District division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, at 1806 Twentieth street, at 11:30 tomorrow morning.

West Virginians to Dine.

The third annual banquet of the West Virginia Society of the District will be held at the Ebbitt House next Saturday night. About three hundred members are expected to attend, including the state delegation in Congress, John W. Davis, solicitor of the Department of Justice; Dr. James

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New Orleans—Pensacola—Mobile. Excursion fares, February 19 to 19. Southern Railway. Consult Agents.—Adv.

Shera Montgomery, John J. Cornwell, governor-elect, and other prominent officials of the state. Charles M. Shinn will be toastmaster.

Will Talk on Drug Law.

"The Federal Narcotic Law and the Proposed Amendments Thereto" is the subject of an address to be delivered by John G. Capers before the Society of Medical Jurisprudence at the University Club at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening.

School Association Elects.

The Eastern High School Home and School Association has elected the following officers: President, Arthur H. Smith; first vice president, Dr.

Simon Cook; second vice president, Miss M. C. Taves; third vice president, G. M. Foote; recording secretary, W. B. Hardy; corresponding secretary, Dr. Willard S. Small, and treasurer, Ulric Mongert.

LOCAL MENTION.

Table d'Hôte Dinner, 75c. Music and Dancing Every Evening. 5:30 to 8 o'clock. Sterling Hotel, 15th and E Sts. N. W.

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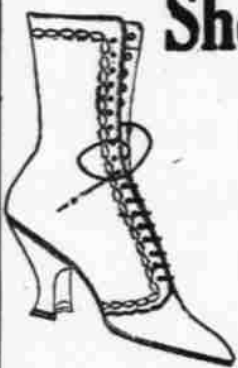
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